

	Week of October 3 – October 7
Mon. Oct 3	Tape Mr. Jelks to the wall fundraiser (Please see details below)
Tue. Oct 4	
Wed. Oct 5	Cops for Cancer "Tour De Rock"
Thur. Oct 6	
Fri. Oct 7	"Dragon Pride" Assembly

Dear JMS Families,

This week, JMS students and staff discussed Orange Shirt Day and how we will continue to acknowledge the legacy of the residential school program in Canada. Thank you for your support in reminding your children to wear orange this week. On Thursday, Sept. 29, JMS staff and students participated in Dragon Pride awards and Orange Shirt Day Assembly. During the assembly, we highlighted topics around Orange Shirt Day including the history and impact of residential schools in Canada and viewed a video of Orange Shirt Day founder, Phyliss Webstad. We also shared the need for reconciliation. Throughout the week, students also honoured the residential school survivors, their families, and their communities during our daily announcements and through classroom discussions/activities. Huy'ch'qa to Ms. Kroetch, JMS Na' tsa' maht Indigenous instructor for providing resources for staff and students all week. And a huge thanks to the JMS community for discussing with your children the reasons for National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Exploratories- Exploratories will start on October 20th! The Exploratory Program is designed to allow students to explore non-traditional courses in Fine Arts, S.T.E.A.M., Practical Arts, Humanities or Athletics. Classes are based upon teacher passion and provide an outstanding opportunity for students to share or to develop that passion. Be on the look our for selection forms next week. If you require financial assistance, please email your request to the principal, djelks@sd62.bc.ca by October 14, 2022.

Fire Safety and Prevention Month: We'll be joining other schools in the district in the Great British Columbia Shake Out with thousands of Canadians on October 20th at 10:20am. It'll be a good chance to review our evacuation procedures. Please take some time to chat about fire/earthquake safety procedures with your children. Discuss what you can do at home to encourage fire/earthquake safety, such as creating evacuation routes and holding practice drills.

LIS virtue of the month is **Compassion.** Compassion is to feel sympathy and concern for someone else's sadness, suffering, or misfortunes.

Weekly Quote: "Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive." — Dalai Lama XIV

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Wednesday Oct. 5th - Cops for Cancer- Tour De Rock

Monday Oct. 10th- Thanksgiving (No School)

Monday Oct. 17th- Canadian Blood Services Drive

Thursday Oct. 20th – Photo Retake & The "Great Shake Out" earthquake drill

Wednesday Oct. 26th Grade 6 immunizations

Monday Oct. 31- School Wide Halloween activities



Attendance- Please remember to inform the office if your child will be late or absent. Attendance Line: <u>journeyattendance@sd62.bc.ca</u> or 250-642-5881

When a student is late: Please have them enter through the front door and check in with office staff.

Building Access- Parents/Guardians and visitors must sign-in at the front. If you have an appointment with a staff member, please wait in front seating area until your appointment arrives.

PAC Corner

Congratulations to 2022-2023 PAC Executives

Trudy Fraser - President Heather Grove - Vice President Meghan Bishop - Secretary Julie Barlow - Treasurer Evangelina Koutsodimos - SPEAC

There was a great turnout at the first meeting. We hope to see more parents at the next meetin scheduled for Monday Oct 24, 2022 @ JMS Library.

Truth and Reconciliation Events

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Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30, 2022 10:00am-12:30pm

Truth Before Reconciliation Sept 30, 2022 4:30pm-7:30 pm UVIC

Songhees South Island Pow Wow Royal Athletic Park Sept 30,2022 10:00am-12:00am









WELCOME MAYOR TAIT

Maja Tait, Sooke Mayor visited JMS on Tuesday October 27th to discuss her role as mayor. Mr. Spelts class was well prepared and asked insightful questions during her visit.

Students asked questions pertaining to infrastructure, economic development and her answer to violence in the community. We have a few politicians in the making!

Cops for Cancer Wednesday October 5, 2022



Come help us tape Principal Jelks to the wall!

\$1 per strip of duct tape!

Help us raise money for Cops for Cancer.

Monday, October 3, 2022 during lunch recess